



SCIO CITY COUNCIL ELECTRONIC MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY March 22, 2021

COUNCIL PRESENT: Councilors Karen Eckhart, Tom Meyer, Debbie Nuber, and Chadd Weaver, Tom Gray and John Whalen.

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Joey Ferguson

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ginger Allen and Assistant City Attorney Jeffrey Clayson.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS PRESENT: May Garland

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Weaver called the Regular Session of the Scio City Council to order at 6:00 P.M., followed by 30 seconds of silence to observe the flag.

ROLL CALL: Roll call was taken with all councilors present except Joey Ferguson, who already was excused from the meeting.

REGULAR SESSION:

- 1. Travel Oregon Competitive and Recover Grant Application – Presented by Ginger Allen, City Manager:** Allen thanked the council for meeting on such short notice, stating that the time frame for this grant application could not wait until the regular council meeting schedule in April. Allen explained the possibility of getting up to \$100K grant dollars for a Public Restroom facility. Allen explained that there was no money match, but that getting some in kind match would be the goal to show community support and business support. Councilor Whalen asked Allen what the risks of having a restroom might be. Allen stated that she really had no idea, but that most communities have them and she was sure that the City's Insurance Provide would support this type of city service. Councilor Whalen then asked Allen if \$100K would pay for the project. Allen stated that the City of Sublimity put a small, two stall restroom in for \$100K and they had a large amount of concrete work. Councilor Gray asked who would clean them. Allen stated the City Public Works staff would clean the restrooms. Councilors Eckhart, Meyer, and Nuber all thought it was a great opportunity for the City and said that the city should move forward with the grant application. There were some more side bar conversations amongst councilors when Mayor Weaver asked if there were any more questions for City Manager Allen? Hearing none, Mayor Weaver said that he would entertain a motion to support the filing of the Travel Oregon Grant Application. Councilor Nuber moved to instruct Allen to go forward with the grant application and submit the grant to Travel Oregon. Councilor Whalen seconded the motion. Mayor Weaver asked if there was any further discussion, hearing none, he took the vote: All in favor 5 opposed 0. Motion passed.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL: Mayor Weaver asked if there were any items from council. Hearing none he moved onto Public Comments.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC: May Garland stated that she thought the Grant would benefit the community, it is something the community has needed for a long time. Garland also said that she would like to see the City, as a courtesy, reach out the Hunts, who live next to the park and let them know about the grant and what might develop next to their home.

Mayor Weaver asked if there were any other comments, hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Ginger Allen
Scio City Manager